we would take the power away from the Federal Government.

Ladies and gentlemen, the power in this country is the power within the people's lands, not a Federal Government. In these 59 days we have made great strides in improving the quality of life in this Nation. Our crime bill, for example, will give local law enforcement the power to attack crime only as they know how. The National Security Restoration Act will ensure that no American soldier in the service of this Nation will die at the whim of an Egyptian bureaucrat.

We have passed legislation to bring the massive regulatory bureaucracy under control, and thank God. We have released the American people from the mindless bureaucrats that inflict billions and billions of dollars of unnecessary burden on the American economy, large business, small business and all.

In passing these acts we have kept our promise to the American people. We have put in more hours, held more hearings, cast more votes than any previous Congress had to this point in recent history. We have shown this Nation, with the work that we have done, that the U.S. House of Representatives can be an effective legislature.

We have shown the American people that Government can get the important business of this Nation accomplished. And we are going to accomplish still more in the next 41 days.

In the next 41 days we will reform the legal system to make our system more responsible and reduce the dragging effect that frivolous lawsuits have on this Nation. We are going to pass term limits to make legislators value public service over professional politics. We will take steps to treat seniors equitably with the Senior Citizens Equity Act, and yes, we will make reforms of our morally bankrupt welfare system.

And we will continue to hear the guardians of the old order whine and cry as we dismantle the system that they created over 40 years. We will continue to hear Democrats tell the American people how the Federal Government always knows best, as they did in the unfunded mandates debate.

We will continue to hear the Democrats say that local officials cannot be trusted to do the right thing, as they did in the crime bill debate. We will continue to hear the Democrats fight to save the power of the Federal bureaucrats, as they did in the regulatory reform debate.

It is offensive to me to sit here and listen day in and day out as they trumpet the capabilities of the bureaucracy to make our life better, as they clamor for the necessity of a bureaucracy that lives in our daily lives from the minute we get up to the minute we go to bed.

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The hardworking folks back at home know better. The Federal Government has never been the cure-all the Democrats would like for you to think. The Federal Government is more often than not a nightmare waiting to happen to the hardworking people of this Nation.

The American people know better, and that is why the Democrats are in the minority today.

Ah, but now, Mr. Speaker, they have finally found a way to disguise this bankrupt argument that the Federal Government knows best. They have found a way to disguise their love of the Federal bureaucracy. We are now beginning to hear arguments that Republicans are out to starve the American children. Mr. Speaker, this is utter and complete nonsense.

I was on this floor last night for 1 hour listening to one lie right after the other about our nutrition programs, lies told by people who know better. If the American people knew how much the Democrats are willing to distort the truth to save the bureaucracy, they would be absolutely outraged. Yes, we are combining many nutritional programs into block grants; yes, we are sending the moneys back to the States where the teachers and the dietitians and the superintendents know best.

But, no, we are not sending less, we are sending more. We are increasing the funding because it involves children. But if you listen to the other side, you do not get the truth. Mr. Speaker, it is exasperating to have to put up with the rhetoric the other side hurls at us. I voted in committee to increase the funding for child nutrition programs, to increase the funding child nutrition programs are getting. Yet people are calling my office worried that we are gutting these programs. Why? We are not. Where do they read such things? Where do they hear such things? It is not happening.

We are increasing funding and eliminating the wasteful Federal bureaucracy to help get more money to the States, more money for food, not for bureaucrats. The charge that we are cutting funding is patently false. Perhaps, Mr. Speaker, Americans should consider why Democrats have sought to distort reality to protect Federal bureaucrats. Could it be, Mr. Speaker, for financial reasons? Could it be because Democrats receive millions and millions of dollars in campaign funding from bureaucrats? Could it be because these contributions to Democrats outnumber contributions to Republicans by a margin of 9 to 1?

Could it be that Democrats have a vested interest in protecting Federal bureaucrats?

Mr. Speaker, I would simply ask that the American people look at the facts. It is a fact that we are putting more money into child nutrition, it is a fact that our bill dismantles part of the Federal bureaucracy and it is a fact that Democrats receive significant campaign contributions from Federal bureaucrats.

All I ask is that the American people consider the facts.

Mr. Speaker, this Congress will continue to do what is best for America, this 104th Congress will. We will continue to keep the promises we made to make this Nation a better place, even in the face of distorted arguments made by the other side.

Mr. Speaker, if the Democrats really cared about children, they would stop fighting to save the bureaucracy and engage in an honest discussion about how to improve our welfare system.

For the good of this Nation, I surely hope they will join us in doing what is right for America.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BROWDER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. Browder, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today. Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SCARBOROUGH) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SCARBOROUGH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SAXTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ARCHER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. Morella, for 5 minutes on March 8.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today and on March 7.

Mr. SOLOMON, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous mate-

Mr. DICKS, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BROWDER) and to include extraneous matter:)

Ms. McKinney.

Mr. FARR.

Mr. Foglietta.

Mr. VENTO.

Mr. WARD.

Mr. Traficant.

Ms. Eshoo in 11 instances.

Mr. COLEMAN.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. McDermott.

Mr. OBERSTAR.

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota.

Mr. Ackerman.

Ms. McCarthy.

Mr. RAHALL.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SCARBOROUGH) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

Mr. Portman.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. NORWOOD) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. HALL of Texas in two instances.

Mr. Menendez in six instances.

Mr. KIM.

Mr. FILNER.

Mr. Largent.

Mr. DAVIS.

Mr. Young of Florida.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, March 6, 1995, at 12:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

458. A letter from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report pursuant to section 1075 of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1995; to the Committee on National Security.

459. A letter from the Department of Defense, Director of Defense Research and Engineering, transmitting a report on creation and operation of new federally funded research center, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2367(d)(1); to the Committee on National Security.

460. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the quarterly reports in accordance with sections 36(a) and 26(b) of the Arms Export Control Act, the March 24, 1979 report by the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the seventh report by the Committee on Government Operations for the first quarter of fiscal year 1995, October 1, 1994 through December 31, 1994, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

461. A letter from the Chairman, Board for International Broadcasting, transmitting the Board's annual report on its activities, as well as its review and evaluation of the operation of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty for the period October 1, 1993, through September 30, 1994, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2873(a)(9); to the Committee on International Relations.

462. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the nonproliferation and disarmament fund report, fiscal year 1994, pursuant to section 504 of the Freedom Support Act of 1992; to the Committee on International Relations.

463. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11–16, "Salvation Army Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Act of 1995," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1–233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

464. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11–17, "Methodist Cemetery Association Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Act of 1995," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1–233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

465. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-18, "Christ United Methodist Church Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Act of 1995," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1–233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

466. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-19, "Real Property Deed Recordation Amendment Act of 1995," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

467. Å letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11–21, "Metropolitan Baptist Church Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Act of 1995," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1–233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

468. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-22, "Riverside Baptist Church Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Act of 1995," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

469. A letter from the Assistant Secretary (Management), Department of Treasury, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1994, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(e); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

470. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1994, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

471. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1994, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

472. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the annual report with respect to actions taken to recruit and train Indians to qualify them for positions subject to Indian preference; the annual report on actions taken to place non-Indians employed by the Indian Health Service in other Federal agencies, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 472a(d); to the Committee on Resources.

473. A letter from the Chairman, Administrative Conference of the United States, the Conference's report entitled, "Toward Improved Agency Dispute Resolution: Implementing the ADR Act"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. DREIER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 103. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1058) to reform Federal securities litigation, and for other purposes (Rept. 104–65). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. GOSS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 104. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 988) to reform the Federal civil justice system (Rept. 104-66). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolu-

tions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. ARCHER (for himself and Mr. GIBBONS):

H.R. 1121. A bill to make technical corrections relating to the Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1990 and the Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska:

H.R. 1122. A bill to authorize and direct the Secretary of Energy to sell the Alaska Power Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BROWDER;

H.R. 1123. A bill to repeal statutory limitations on the transportation of chemical munitions; to the Committee on National Security.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

H.R. 1124. A bill to amend chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that, for civil service retirement purposes, inspectors of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, inspectors and canine enforcement officers of the U.S. Customs Service, and revenue officers of the Internal Revenue Service shall be treated in the same way as law enforcement officers; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. TRAFICANT:

H.R. 1125. A bill to prohibit economic assistance and military assistance or arms transfer to the Government of Trinidad and Tobago until appropriate action is taken to eliminate illicit drug trafficking in Trinidad and Tobago; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. ZIMMER, Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, Mr. LoBiondo, Mr. Torricelli, Mrs. Roukema, and Mr. Martini):

H.R. 1126. A bill to strengthen and improve the pipeline safety provisions of chapter 601 of title 49. United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GANSKE (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

H.R. 1127. A bill to limit the issuance of patents on medical procedures; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GILMAN:

H.R. 1128. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide an additional place for holding court in the southern district of New York; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEWIS of Georgia (for himself, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. BISHOP, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. BRYANT of Texas, Mr. CLAY, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. CLYBURN, Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. FARR, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. FRAZER, Mr. FROST, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. JACOBS, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. JEFFERSON, MS. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. KILDEE, Ms. LOFGREN, Mrs. LOWEY, Mrs.